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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8, with the following replacement paragraph:

The present application is also related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/673,540, filed September 29, 2003 and entitled "Method And Apparatus For Selective Blocking Of Radio Frequency Identification Devices," now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,970,070, which is commonly assigned herewith and incorporated by reference herein.